Drug Trafficking Centres in the Country

1032. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the metropolitan cities in the country which are considered to be the drug trafficking centres;

(b) in which of these centres the quantity of narcotics seized is the highest during 1990;

(c) what is the percentage of rise in drug trafficking in these centres during 1990 as compared to the year 1989;

(d) what exercise has been made by the Government to know the reasons for which the measures to check drug tracfficking in these metropolitan centres have failed; and

(e) how do Government propose to tackle this growing menace?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The quantity of drugs seized during 1990 from the metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta is given below:—

(Quantity seized in Kgs.)

Name of Metropolitan City	Heroin	Hashish	Opium	Ganja
Bombay	990	791	..	33
Delhi	192	209	423	76
Madras	52	28	2	212
Calcutta	17	3	1.5	2400

Bombay and Delhi have been found to be sensitive for drug trafficking. The quanttiy of narcotics seized in Bombay is the higest as compared to other metropolitan cities during the year 1990.

(c) As compared to the year 1989, during the year 1990, Bombay registered 25 per cent increase in quantity of heroin seizure and 1.25 per cent increase in quantity of hashish seizure; Madras showed 85 per cent increase in quantity of heroin seizure; and Calcutta showed 46.6 per cent increase in quantity of heroin seizure. Seizure of heroin and hashish in other metropolitan cities as compared to the year 1989 had a significant drop.

(d) and (e) In none of the metropolitan cities anti-drug trafficking measures have failed. Strengthened enforcement measures yielded encourageing results in the field of drug interdiction. Various measures have been taken by the Government to counter drug trafficking. The Central Government enforcement agencies such as the Customs and Central Excise Collectorates have been asked to maintain vigilance and the State Governments which share the enforcement responsibility have been advised to create special narcotics cells in the State Police. The Narcotics Control Bureau which is the apex coordinating agency in drug matters has been strengthened.

Election in Tamil Nadu

1033. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he expressed that elections in Tamil Nadu may be held soon as reported in the 'Hindu' dated the 1st February, 1991 published from Madras; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?